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TITLE: TUBE FOR GUIDING GAS OR LIQUID

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2009,
Applicant respectfully responds as follows:

An Election of Species begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

ELECTION OF SPECIES:

The Patent Examiner has required the election of one of the following Species for further prosecution:

Species A: FIG. 1; and

Species B: FIG. 6.

The Patent Examiner has also required the election of one Species from **each** of the following Species for further prosecution:

Species C-E: One of a membrane formed on the inside (Species C), outside (Species D), or both (Species E) should be selected, then

Species F-H: One of joining a membrane by one of form fitting (Species F), integral bonding (Species G), or both (Species H) should be selected, then

Species I-K: One of injection molding the support body in one step (Species I), injection molding the membrane in one step (Species J), or both (Species K) should be selected, then

Species L-N: One of providing a gasket on the membrane (Species L), an end section (Species M), or on a side (Species N) should be selected, then

Species O-P: One of using a gas permeable (Species O) or an airtight membrane (Species P).

ELECTION:

Applicant respectfully elects, with traverse,

Species A, FIG. 1, with claims 22-32 and 35 readable thereon;

Species D, a membrane formed on the outside, with claims 22-35 readable thereon (in claim 22 the second alternative of

"inside and/or outside");

Species F, joining a membrane by form fitting, with claims 22-35 readable thereon (in claim 23 the first alternative of "form-fitting and/or integrally bonded");

Species K, injection molding of the support body in one step and injection molding the membrane in one step, with claims 22-35 readable thereon;

Species M, providing a gasket on an end section, with claims 22-26 and 28-35 readable thereon;

Species P, using an airtight membrane, with claims 22-35 readable thereon (in claim 35 the second alternative of "gas-permeable or airtight");

for further prosecution, with claim 22 generic.